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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3,050,101, is discussed on pages 2, 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 6-269913, is discussed on pages 2, 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Sho 57-130745, is discussed on pages 2,3,5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 11-47896, is discussed on pages 3, 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Sho 62-89566, is discussed on pages 3, 5-8 of the specification.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. Sho 61-72361, is discussed on pages 3, 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Sho 62-207568 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,730,754 and is discussed on pages 3, 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. Sho 59-22913 is discussed on pages 4 and 6 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Sho 63-40670 is discussed on pages 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 2-41747 is discussed on pages 5 and 7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 9-285852 is discussed on pages 5 and 7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-237852, is discussed on pages 5-7 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-237854, is discussed on pages 5-7 of the specification.

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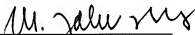
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